

Appl. No. 10/634,198
Amdt. Dated 01/29/05
Reply to Office Action of 10/29/04

Remarks/Arguments

Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the thorough review of the present application. Dependent claims 2, 4, 9, 10, 15, and 16 have been canceled. Independent claims 1, 8, and 14 have been amended. The examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 8-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,068,120 to Fransson. Applicant respectfully submits Fransson does not teach applicant's claimed invention, with respect to the currently amended independent claims 1, 8, and 14.

The examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5, 8-9, 11 and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,081,024 to Turner. Applicant respectfully submits, with respect to applicant's currently amended claims 1, 8, and 14, Turner does not teach applicant's claimed invention.

The examiner has rejected claims 4, 10, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,081,024 to Turner as applied to claims 2, 8, and 14, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,523,950 to Golubics. Applicant's dependent claims 4, 10, and 16 have been canceled. Applicant further submits, with respect to applicant's currently amended independent claims 1, 8, and 14, Turner does not teach applicant's claimed invention. Therefore, any hypothetical combination of Turner and Golubics would not teach applicant's claimed invention.

The examiner has rejected claims 6-7, 12-13, and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Turner as applied to claims 1, 8, and 14 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4, 251,085 to Lageer et al. Applicant submits, with respect to applicant's currently amended independent claims 1, 8, and 14, Turner does not teach applicant's claimed invention. Therefore, any hypothetical combination of Turner and Lageer et al. would not teach applicant's claimed invention.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted the rejection of the original claims should be considered as no longer tenable with respect to the currently amended independent claims 1, 8, and 14. The amended claims are supported by applicant's original specification, pages 4 and 5, and therefore, no new subject matter

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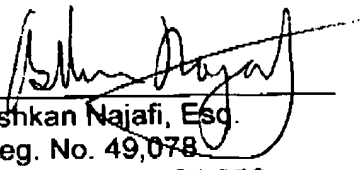
has been introduced in such amended claims, which would affect the statutory requirements for patentability. All pending dependent claims necessarily include the recitations of their independent claims, and therefore, are also in condition for allowance.

Should the examiner consider necessary or desirable to make formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by examiner's Amendment, if the examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. Alternatively, should the examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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